## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1.     (currently amended) An information processing apparatus ~~to be~~ connected to a plurality of information terminals by way of ~~an~~ a network, comprising:

~~a plurality of information terminals;~~

storing means for storing user information ~~of said each of information terminals~~;

~~authentication~~ authenticating means for authenticating ~~said information terminal of~~ a user based on said user information stored in said storing means;

recording means for recording a request information ~~entered from said information terminal of the~~ transmitted by a first user authenticated by said authenticating ~~authentication~~ means;

searching means for searching said request information and said user information of a second user recorded by said recording means, in response to a demand for a request list from said first user ~~entered from said information terminal of the second user authenticated by said authentication means;~~ and

~~means for transmitting request information obtained as a search result to said information terminal of the second user; and~~

transferring means for transferring said request list to ~~a service information corresponding to said request information as said search result to the information terminal of~~ said first user, wherein said ~~service information being entered from said information terminal of said second user~~ request list includes a mark which expresses the existence of service information.

Claim 2.     (currently amended) An information processing apparatus as claimed in

Claim 1, wherein said user information includes ~~an~~ a user ID, a password and an electronic mail address.

Claim 3.    (currently amended)   An information processing apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said transferring means transfers said service information corresponding to said request information as ~~said~~ a search result to ~~the information terminal of~~ said first user by an electronic mail based on said user information for the first user stored in said storing means

Claim 4.    (currently amended)   An information processing apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said service information includes an address information on the network for obtaining <u>directly from said second user</u> a desired information among said service information ~~by said first user~~.

Claim 5.    (currently amended)   An information processing apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising:

<u>supplying</u> means for supplying a list of said request information recorded by said recording means to ~~the information terminal of~~ said second user in response to a demand entered from ~~the information terminal of~~ said second user.

Claim 6.    (canceled)

Claim 7.    (currently amended)   A method for processing information among a plurality of information terminals connected to ~~an~~ a network, said method comprising the steps

of:

storing user information ~~of said~~ for each of said information terminals,

authenticating ~~said information terminal of~~ a user based on said user information stored in said storing means,

recording a request information transmitted by a ~~entered from said information terminal of the~~ first user authenticated ~~by said authentication means~~ in said authenticating step,

searching said request information and said user information of a second user recorded by said recording means in response to a demand for a request list from said first user, and ~~entered from said information terminal of the second user authenticated by said authentication means,~~

~~transmitting request information obtained as a search result to said information terminal of the second user, and~~

transferring said request list to ~~a service information corresponding to said request information as said search result to the information terminal of~~ said first user, wherein request list includes a mark which expresses the existence of service information ~~said service information being entered from said information terminal of said second user~~.

Claim 8.     (canceled)


Claim 9.     (new)  The method according to Claim 7, wherein said user information includes a user ID, a password and an electronic mail address.

Claim 10. (new) The method according to Claim 9, wherein said transferring step transfers said service information corresponding to said request information as a search result to said first user by an electronic mail based on said user information for the first user stored in said storing means

Claim 11. (new) The method according to Claim 10, wherein said service information includes an address information on the network for obtaining directly from said second user a desired information among said service information.

Claim 12. (new) The method according to Claim 7, further comprising the step of:

supplying a list of said request information recorded in said recording step to said second user in response to a demand entered from said second user.

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